Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to find some money for this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It will be considered.

CHOWWARA—LEVEL CROSSING NEAR RAILWAY STATION

402. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that a portion of K. 5. Chowwara village lies on the western side of the railway line; that the only possible means for people to get to that area is by trespassing the railway premises;

(*b*) whether they will be good enough to take early steps to have a level crossing put up, say at the northern extremity of the platform, to enable pedestrians and cattle to pass the railway line?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Yes, but the portion of Cochin territory lying to the west of the railway line is very small, comprising an area of 42·31 acres and a population of 50.

(*b*) Government do not consider it necessary to provide a level crossing, as the importance of the place and the population of the State that would be benefitted do not justify the expenditure involved.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Are the Government aware that people living in this side of the railway have to cross to the other side and that there is no other way? Can anything be done to avoid this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We will look into that matter.

LEPER CLINIC AT MULANTHURUTHI

403. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the proposed leper clinic for Mulanthuruthi will be opened, and if so, when?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The leper clinic at Mulanthuruthi has been opened since the 8th Vrischigam 1115.

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know who is in charge of the hospital?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The Sub-Assistant Surgeon is in charge of the hospital.

NARAKKAL DISPENSARY—COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE DOCTOR

404. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the public or a section of the public of the Narakkal and the adjoining villages have complained to the Government against the conduct of the surgeon-in-charge of the Narakkal Dispensary;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative: (*i*) from how many villages there were such complaints; (*ii*) and what are the complaints or charges made against him;

(*c*) at the time when the Narakkal Dispensary was shifted to the present site, whether there was complaint from the public of Narakkal with regard to the distribution of beds among the doctors in the dispensary;

(*d*) if the answer is in the affirmative, was that due to the refusal of the surgeon-in-charge to place any of the beds under the charge of the other doctors working under him;

(*e*) whether there was a counter-complaint before the Government in this connection requesting that the subordinate doctors should not be given charge of beds;

(*f*) what was the decision of the Government in this matter;

(*g*) how many beds are there now in the dispensary;

(*h*) how many beds are there now under the charge of the doctor who is working under the surgeon-in-charge;

(*i*) is the surgeon in charge a native of Narakkal;

(*j*) whether the Government are aware that there are party strifes in Narakkal;

(*k*) from the several grievances till now received by the Government, do the Government really feel that these are difficulties for the people by the attitudes and conduct of the surgeon-in-charge;

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